

House Resolution No. 609

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the Saint Clair Fire Protection District of Franklin County was established as a tax-supported public entity by a vote of the people on December 27, 1973, to replace the Saint Clair Volunteer Fire Department which had been providing firefighting personnel and equipment to the area; and

Whereas, after the first three members of the Board of Directors were elected, they were duly sworn in by the Circuit Court on January 8, 1974, to begin leadership of an organization which would subsequently grow to include approximately 240 square miles of Franklin County, build four fire stations to house seventeen major pieces of fire equipment, and employ ten full-time firefighters and fifty paid-per-call volunteers; and

Whereas, the Saint Clair Fire Protection District is committed to protecting people, property, and the environment; remaining responsive to the needs of citizens and the fire service agencies which surround it; providing emergency service that is rapid, professional, and essential to the health, safety, and well-being of area communities; participating in various civic duties; serving as a role model; and striving to effectively and efficiently attain excellence; and

Whereas, Saint Clair Fire Protection District employees and volunteers accomplish their mission through aggressive fire prevention, education, and suppression; hazard mitigation; medical services; and other related activities; and

Whereas, Board members down through the years have included Dale Sullivan from 1974 to 1997, Robert Berkel from 1974 to 1991, Homer Fisher from 1974 to 1982, Bob Alumbaugh from 1982 to 1995, Edwin Berkel from 1991 to 1999, Craig Butenhoff from 1995 to 2001, Eric Hinson from 1997 to the present, Kirby Banderman from 1999 to the present, and Danny Gossett from 2001 to the present:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the formation of the Saint Clair Fire Protection District from the older Saint Clair Volunteer Fire Department and to convey to all of those involved, especially its officers, volunteers, and Directors, this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as they celebrate their public safety organization's Thirty Years in operation; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Saint Clair Fire Protection District of Franklin County, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 609, adopted February 17, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker